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WHO KILLED GEORGE POLK?

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The murder of any reporter—whether Don Bolles in Arizona or George Polk in the mountains of northern Greece—sends a chill through all of us. But when the truth is bludgeoned as well, the crime is doubly heinous. That, as this article documents, is exactly what happened with the massive cover-up of George Polk's death by the right-wing Greek government, by U.S. officials, and by members of the American press.

This special report, twenty-nine years overdue, is the product of nine months of research. Government and private archives have been searched, dozens of people interviewed, hundreds of hours spent checking and rechecking facts. The task was so enormous that MORE's own editorial staff, and especially

Robert Friedman and William Masters, have spent months aiding the two authors and supplementing their work.

So that our sources may be known, we have footnoted the text. And, since the primary evidence of the press cover-up—the report of the Overseas Writers Association's special committee headed by Walter Lippmann—is difficult, if not impossible to find, we have reprinted it as an appendix.

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